



# Mason Bridges' Billboard

## On the way...

Nov. 11: Velocity Youth Rally

Nov. 17: Leave for Thanksgiving break

Nov. 26: Return to Lubbock

Nov. 27: Class resumes

## Time For Big Choices...

It's finally time for the 2020 AIM class to choose our fields of interest. We have had nine fields presented to us and on Sunday night October 29<sup>th</sup> our entire class dedicated themselves to prayer before submitting our field and team selections. God is working now in the hearts and minds of our staff as they pour over our **choices** in prayer and meditation. Prayers for wisdom and discernment for them over this next month are very welcomed as well as for us AIMers. We are praying that



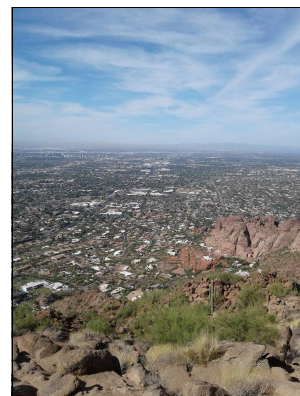
God will put us where we are most needed.

## 1st Term Final Exams/2<sup>nd</sup> Term Begins

As first term is wrapped up, finals had everyone pushing to finish strong. We were tested in our knowledge on the New Testament, Historical Christian Evidences, The Old Testament, and The Life of Christ. This whole term had been building up to this for us students, through months of intensive classes and study we were being evaluated on what we had learned. This was a massive **milestone** for us as AIMers. This one of our major chances to prove ourselves and our dedication to this program, our supporters, but most importantly our God who has given us this unique opportunity to study and serve in His kingdom. Having come this far I was elated to receive my report card, revealing I had obtained all A's for each of my four classes. My devotion and hard work has paid off so far. Bless the Lord for what He's done for and through me already, and what He will continue to do as long as I remain willing.

## Phoenix Trip

We arrived in Phoenix the evening of October the 13<sup>th</sup> at around 8pm. We were warmly met by our host families, we were taken care of well and were well rested for the upcoming week of service work with the Central Phoenix Urban Ministry. (More on that in the next section) While we were here our class participated with the NW Church of Christ youth devotional, played in the park with several church's youth groups, ate at several local restaurants, and lead J.A.M. Kids' Club in Edison Park. Ministering and **encouraging** the young in Phoenix was an incredible blessing and privilege. God called the little children to come to Him, we were able to help in a literal manner with that calling. On our final day we were able to climb Camel-back Mountain. Being able to make it to the top with about fifteen other of my classmates, we were able to get a view of the entire city of Phoenix stretching out in every direction. It helped truly give me a scale of the work that we are called to. God has an entire world, the workers are few, but with His guidance and power it is more than possible to reach such an expansive field.



## Central Phoenix Urban Ministry

Meeting up early in the morning we split up the students and staff into groups that then went out in the Garfield Neighborhood passing out





Bibles door to door in both Spanish and English to those willing to accept them. Following that we had a “**service scavenger hunt**” where we tried to find a myriad of different services we could provide to the local community. We washed cars, passed out water to construction workers, managed yard work, gave information for free English classes, cleaned out sheds, gave care-packages to the homeless and dispossessed, informed locals about the “Green House” Bible studies, passed out more Bibles, and in all of those we prayed with every single group we served. Our mission was to spread the love of Christ, and the people we reached felt it. Two

specific people we reached were an artist who was just diagnosed as legally blind, and an elderly woman who now relies on her children at home with her heart issues. We were able to minister to the Artist who was an atheist (top left), but he could clearly tell there was something different about this group of young men and women who actually came back to help when we had promised. Clearing out his workshop and some of his house, we were able to split our party into a small group to talk to him about the **love of God**, the others working diligently organize what we could. In the end he was willing to pray with us, which was incredible to see the impact God made in him in just a short time. The elderly woman (bottom right previous page) was a firm believer in Christ and had relied on him desperately in raising her grandchildren as her own when her children were broken and unable to take care of themselves. She shared her testimony to the power of God working mightily in her life, and my team and I could only be amazed of the pillar this woman had in God. Likewise in much of our service, we were equally blessed for the work we did. God is faithful to those that serve Him. We returned to Lubbock a day later and were exhausted but so full of spiritual energy and excitement to continue our studies on how to better do this kind of work for our God.



## Canadian Trip

We had a short trip to a familiar stop for most AIMers in past years. In Canadian my class was openly welcomed as family. Being able to **fellowship** and praise with these brothers and sisters in Christ was incredible. We helped clean and restore the building some while we had time left in the day. We gave what we had to help until the work was done. We ate dinner with the congregation there then returned to our host families houses for the night. Arriving at the building in the morning for church service, we helped lead singing and present the AIM program to their youth that they might be encouraged to see the way God has moved through us. God blessed us with their generosity as they provided another meal for us before we left to begin the drive back to Lubbock. In this month we have done so much growth in the exercise in doing God's work.

## Thank You

I want to thank you for your prayers and support that make this possible. I cannot express in words how much the financial support means. Even if you are not able to give physically, the prayers offered up to God on my behalf are always needed. I am so grateful again for the willingness to give and pray for me, and to have taken the time to read this.

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